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voltages across different laser sections constant over time in accordance with a voltage that was measured across the different laser sections in respect of different operation points measured when characterizing the laser, to maintain a predetermined laser operation point.

5. (Amended) An arrangement according to Claim 4 comprising a circuit to measure voltages across respective laser sections, wherein the circuit is adapted to adjust the voltage source to maintain said predetermined voltages across each laser section.

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#### REMARKS

The specification changes reflected in the enclosed substitute specification (Attachment A) include the addition of the preferred subheadings at appropriate places within the specification, and they also include minor corrections. None of the changes made in the substitute specification introduces new matter because each change is based upon the international application in the form in which it was published. Attachment B shows the changes that were made in the substitute specification to the specification that was published by the International Bureau.

The claims as above amended present the claimed subject matter in the U.S. claim form to more particularly point out and more distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicants regard as their invention.

Attached hereto as Attachment C is a set of the claims as they were allowed in the international application, showing all additions, deletions, and modifications of those claims that are reflected in the clean claims presented above.

Also attached hereto is an Abstract of the Disclosure presented on a separate sheet in conformity with the rules of practice.

Based upon the specification and claim amendments to this national phase application, it is believed that the specification conforms with U.S. formal requirements. Additionally, the amended claims as hereinabove presented conform in substance with the corresponding claims that were examined in the international application. And based upon the acceptance by the International Preliminary Examining Authority of the invention as it was claimed in the claims as they were presented in the international application as meeting each of the novelty, the inventive step, and the industrial applicability criteria set forth in the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the claims in the present application are believed to conform with both U.S. formal and substantive requirements, and they are therefore believed to be in allowable form. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is in order and is respectfully solicited.

Should the examiner have any question after considering this Preliminary Amendment, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that any such question can be quickly resolved, and in order that the present application can proceed toward allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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